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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOM MOVEMENT TOWARD RATIFICATION OF 1971
CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

REF: 75 RABAT 1085

1. TOWARD THE END OF EMBOFF'S FEBRUARY 18 CALL ON MFA TREATY
DIVISION CHIEF MUSTAPHA GHARBI TO URGE GOM RATIFICATION OF
VARIOUS TREATIES, GHARBI EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE HAD
NOT INCLUDED 1971 NARCOTICS CONVENTION IN OUR PRESENTATION.
HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE GOM WAS ACTIVELY STUDYING POSSIBLE
ADHERENCE TO THE CONVENTION IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE
WORLD NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, WHICH HE SAID TOUCHED EVERYBODY.
HE ALSO CITED MOROCCO'S INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, AND GAVE
HIS VIEW THAT MOROCCO AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HAD TO PLAY ITS PART IN NARCOTICS REPRESSION.
HE POINTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF MOROCCAN POLICE IN SEIZING
LARGE QUANTITIES OF HASHISH DESTINED ABROAD AS PROOF OF HIS
COUNTRY'S SERIOUSNESS.

2. GHARBI THEN REMARKED THAT MOROCCO WAS ALSO IMPELLED TO
MOVE AHEAD ON THIS QUESTION AS THE KING'S REPUTATION
HAD BECOME INVOLVED. (NOTE: HE WAS REFERRING TO ALGERIAN
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PRESS CHARGES THAT THE KING'S FAMILY WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED
IN HASHISH PRODUCTION AND EXPORT. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON
NOVEMBER 25, 1975, THE KING ANGRILY DENIED ROYAL FAMILY
OWNERSHIP OF ANY LAND IN THE AREA AND INVITED THE "NARCOTICS
BUREAU" TO VISIT MOROCCO AND INVESTIGATE -- 75 RABAT
05720.) MOROCCO HAD TO CLEANSE ITSELF OF ANY SUCH CHARGES,
GHARBI CONTINUED WITH SOME EMOTION, EVEN IF IT MEANT

PERMITTING FOREIGN INSPECTORS TO COME INTO THE SENSITIVE KIF GROWING RIF REGION. HE NOTED THAT MOROCCO WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO SUBMITTING TO INSPECTIONS ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES. INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS WERE UNDERWAY TO HAMMER OUT THE GOM'S POSITION, WITH HIS MINISTRY PUSHING HARD FOR ADHERENCE. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, HE CONFIDED, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAD SPOKEN OUT IN OPPOSITION TO ADHERENCE. HE EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT HIS MINISTRY'S VIEW WOULD CARRY THE DAY, HOWEVER.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE FIRST MADE AWARE OF RENEWED GOM INTEREST IN THE 1971 CONVENTION WHEN ONE OF DEA'S MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONTACTS ASKED LAST NOVEMBER FOR A LIST OF NATIONS WHICH HAD ACCEDED. THE OPPOSITION OF THAT MINISTRY TO UPSETTING THE DELICATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BALANCE SURROUNDING KIF PRODUCTION WHICH EXISTS IN THE TRADITIONALLY VOLATILE RIF REGION COMES AS NO SURPRISE.

4. WE ARE QUIETLY PASSING TO GHARBI THE LIST OF ACCEDING NATIONS WHICH DEA SENT TO POST IN RESPONSE TO DEA RABAT'S EARLY REQUEST (DEA 29346-NOTAL).
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